

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government from persons who retired prior to April 1, 1995 not before July, 1993 to extend the benefit retrospectively from July, 93 as decided in O.M. No. 7/2/93-P&PW (F) dated September 19, 1993 that the rate of DA will be added to pay for calculating gratuity equivalent to 20% of basic pay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Representations were received by the Government from persons who retired prior to April 1, 1995 for extending the benefit of O.M. dated October 19, 1993 retrospectively.

(b) The Government has, through that order, decided that in the case of Central Government employees who retire or die on or after 16.9.1993, twenty percent of the basic pay would be treated as dearness pay for reckoning emoluments for the purpose of retirement gratuity & death gratuity only under the C.C.S. (Pension) Rules, 1972.

Potable Water

5164. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide potable water on priority basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target fixed with regard to providing potable water to all in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) Water supply being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the State Government to plan, execute and maintain water supply schemes.

However, to supplement State Government's efforts, a Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for towns having population less than 20,000 (As per 1991 Census) has been introduced, with effect from March, 1994. Under this programme cost between the Central Government and the State Government is shared in the ratio of 1:1.

As per the 1991 Census there are 2151 such towns having a total population of 23.4 million. It has been estimated that an amount of Rs. 2348 crores, would be required to cover all the towns. Against the above, the allocation made in the Central Sector for the Eighth Plan

is Rs. 50.00 crores. Upto 31.3.96, 204. Water Supply Schemes at a cost of Rs. 161.63 crores have been sanctioned. Since the progress of the scheme depends on generation of detailed project reports by the State Government, their technical viability and availability of resources, it is difficult to indicate the target date for the completion of the programme.

[English]

Construction of Bridges

5165. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal regarding construction of bridges on rivers in the country particularly in Orissa under consideration of the Union Government; and

(b) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There is at present no proposal in this Ministry regarding construction of bridges on rivers in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation

5166. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to a news-item captioned 'we won't go even if there is a bloodshed' appearing in the "Times of India" dated April 10, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

[Translation]

Posts Reserved for OBC

5167. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of notified posts for the years 1993, 1994 and 1995 for three services of Central

Secretariat and the number of post therein reserved for OBC's separately;

(b) the number of posts out of the above filled up on merit relaxation basis from the candidates of OBC's; and

(c) whether the Government propose to fill up the rest of the reserved posts by giving any relaxation for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) The policy laid down in this regard is followed for the three Secretariat Services also, according to which the vacancies reserved for other Backward Classes, which remain unfilled are to be carried forward as such for a period of three recruitment years or till the vacancies are filled by OBC candidates, whichever is earlier.

STATEMENT

Sl.No.	Name of the Service	Grade	Year of recruitment	Total No. of vacancies reported to UPSC/SSC.	No. of vacancies reserved for OBC	No. of OBC candidates recommended.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Central Secretariat Services (CSS)	(i) Section Officers Grade	1993	66	**	—
			1994	50	13	13
			1995	81	16	Nominations awaited
		(ii) Assistants Grade	1993	429@	92	92
			1994	242	62	39
			1995	Vacancies to be notified.	—	—
2.	Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service (CSSS)	(i) Steno Grade 'D'	1993	426@	**	—
			1994	519@	94	69
			1995	544@	118	118
		(ii) Steno Grade 'C'	1993	—Direct Recruitment not made		
			1994	—do—		
			1995	— vacancies to be notified		—
3.	Central Secretariat Clerical Service (CSCS)	LDC	1993	1045	**	—
			1994	771@	138	139
			1995	Vacancies to be notified	—	—

** No reservation could be provided as the process of recruitment had been initiated before the reservations for OBCs came into force.

@ This includes the cushion for probable drop outs in general category.